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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Stephen Dale Messer  
Serial No.: 09/558,356  
Filed: April 26, 2000  
Title: "IMPROVED TRANSACTION TRACKING, MANAGING,  
ASSESSMENT AND AUDITING DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM AND  
NETWORK"  
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**PETITION FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

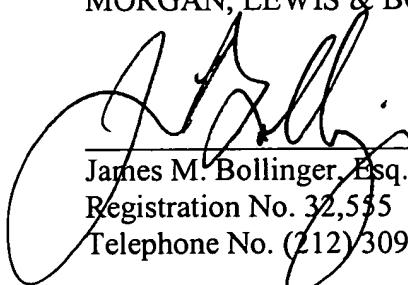
Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Office Action mailed April 10, 2003. The three-month shortened statutory response period expired on August 22, 2003; the extended period will expire on November 24, 2003.

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Respectfully submitted,

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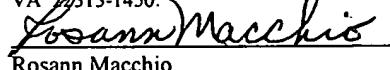


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